

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended): A flame retardant thermoplastic molding composition ~~comprising~~ consisting essentially of polycarbonate resin and hydrotalcite, the hydrotalcite being present in an amount of 0.1 to 1.5 percent relative to the weight of the composition the composition characterized in the absence therefrom of flame retarding agents selected from the group of phosphorous compounds and halogenated compounds.
2. (Original): The thermoplastic molding composition of Claim 1 wherein the amount of 0.1 to 1.2 percent.
3. (Original): The thermoplastic molding composition of Claim 1 wherein the hydrotalcite is represented by the formula $Mg_4Al_2(OH)_{12}CO_3 \cdot 3H_2O$.
4. (Currently Amended): The thermoplastic molding composition of Claim 1 wherein the hydrotalcite is represented by the formula ~~$Mg_{4.5}Al_2(OH)_{13}CO_3$~~ $Mg_{4.5}Al_2(OH)_{13}CO_3$.
5. (Cancelled)
6. (Original): The thermoplastic molding composition of Claim 1 wherein the hydrotalcite has an average particle diameter of 2 microns.
7. (Original): The thermoplastic molding composition of Claim 1 wherein the hydrotalcite has an average particle diameter of 0.4 to 1.0 microns.